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Senate Actions Affecting Intelligence

The full Senate Select Committee began hearings on S.2284, The National Intelligence Act of 1980, on February 21st with testimony from CIA Director Turner, and on February 28th with testimony from other Administration witnesses representing the CIA, FBI, National Security Agency, Department of Defense and Defense Intelligence Agency. A summary of the testimony is included in this newsletter. Hearings will continue through March. (See Calendar.)

The Senate Intelligence Budget Authorization Subcommittee met in executive session on February 25th to consider FY81 authorizations for intelligence activities.

House Actions Affecting Intelligence

The House Intelligence Committee marked up H.R.4736, the graymail legislation, on February 12th and voted to report the bill out of committee. The Committee met with CIA officials in executive session during the week of February 25th on the intelligence budget overview. These closed hearings are scheduled to continue through March. Hearings planned for February 27th on H.R.5885, the senior cryptologic executive service act, were cancelled and are expected to be rescheduled in March.

Rep. Edward Boland (D.-Mass.) introduced H.R. 6588 on February 25th. This bill is identical to S.2284, The National Intelligence Act of 1980, introduced in the Senate on February 8th. (See February newsletter.) Hearings on H.R.6588 begin in March. (See Calendar.) Other bills recently introduced: H.R.6314 introduced by Mr. Symms (R-Idaho) on January 28, H.R.6316 introduced by Mr. Young (R-Fla.) on January 28, H.R.6347 introduced by Mr. Luken (D-Ohio) on January 30, H.R. 6384 introduced by Mr. Duncan (R-Tenn) on January 31, and H. R.6385 introduced by Mr. Evans (R-Del.) on January 31, to amend section 662(a) of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 (the Hughes-Ryan amendment) to provide that the reports of the President to Congress on certain CIA activities be submitted only

to the Committee on Intelligence of each House of Congress, referred jointly to the House Foreign Affairs and Intelligence Committees.

The House Foreign Affairs Subcommittee on International Security and Scientific Affairs continued hearings on February 20th on the role of intelligence in the foreign policy process. Testimony was heard from members of Congress, CIA Director Turner and John Maury; a summary is included in this newsletter.

Senate Hearings on Graymail Legislation

February 7, 1980

Senator Joseph R. Biden (D-Del.) chaired hearings on S. 1482 before the Judiciary Committee's Subcommittee on Criminal Justice. He said "national security considerations require a graymail bill to facilitate espionage prosecutions while accountability for intelligence agencies require that graymail procedures be in place to protect against possible criminal acts by intelligence agents." He assured that whatever remaining areas of disagreement exist, there is nevertheless a basic consensus for proceeding.

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